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**System and Method for Updating User
Home Automation Systems**

ABSTRACT

A system and method for automatically contacting one
5 or more contacts when a user makes travel plans. A profile
is used to determine to which contacts messages are sent.
One of the contacts can be a home automation system that is
registered with an email system to enter an at-home or a
traveling environment based on the message. The home
10 automation system receives instructions from the user's
profile passed through an email system. Contacts can be
grouped into classes of contacts so that each class
receives an appropriate level of itinerary detail based
upon the sensitivity level of the class. For example, a
15 high sensitivity class may include the user's family and
secretary. The high sensitivity class is sent detailed
itinerary information regarding the user's travel plans. A
medium sensitivity class may include business colleagues of
the user. The medium sensitivity class may receive
20 itinerary information including the user's travel
destination but may not include detailed hotel and flight
information. Finally, a low sensitivity class may include
customers and clients of the user and may only receive a
message that the user is away from the office without any
25 detailed destination information.